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**BUTLER COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR INVOLVEMENT IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY AND ILLEGAL
FIREARM POSSESSION**

Montgomery, Alabama - Chad Edwin Langford, age 39, of Butler County, Alabama, was sentenced in federal district court on May 12, 2011, to over 15 years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm and being involved in a conspiracy to distribute, Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, announced today. Langford was also sentenced to serve a term of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after his release from prison.

On March 3, 2011, Langford was found guilty by a jury of conspiring to maintain a residence for the purpose of distributing methamphetamine, conspiring to distribute methamphetamine, and for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On March 8, 2010, deputies of the Butler County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Greenville Police Department, executed a search warrant at a residence in Forest Home, AL. Mr. Langford was arrested at the residence along with four other individuals. Inside the residence, law enforcement officers located methamphetamine and over thirty firearms. Langford was convicted at trial for possessing three of those firearms. Langford is a convicted felon, having been convicted in 2002 of second degree assault. Federal law prohibits any person convicted of a felony offense from possessing a firearm.

The case was investigated as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe

Neighborhoods and the Middle District of Alabama's Alabama ICE (Isolating the Criminal Element) programs, aimed at preventing violent crime and the illegal possession of firearms. According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, "Felons such as Chad Langford, who possess firearms and involve themselves in drug trafficking, make our communities more dangerous. Our office is committed to partnering with local law enforcement to vigorously prosecute those who violate the federal firearms and drug laws."

This case was investigated through the joint efforts of the Butler County Sheriffs's Office, the Greenville Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorneys Brandon Essig, Monica Stump, and Gray Borden.